

## **Biographical Summary – Mark D. Back**

Mark Douglas Back, Esq. serves as General Counsel for the District of Columbia's Department on Disability Services, a cabinet-level agency he helped create in 2006 to transform services for District residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities and facilitate exiting the *Evans* federal class action. Mr. Back has served District residents for over 25 years in various positions within the Office of the Attorney General (formerly, Office of the Corporation Counsel) and client agencies, and one year as Deputy General Counsel for the DC Lottery. Mr. Back's work on behalf of District residents has involved defending several class actions and other civil litigation, serving as interim director for child support enforcement, and bringing about reform of juvenile justice and the service delivery system for adults with intellectual disabilities. Mr. Back has appeared before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the DC Contract Appeals Board, and other administrative tribunals. Mr. Back was in private practice prior to government service. Mr. Back taught administrative law and DC Courts practice to new DC Bar admittees. He received his undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Cincinnati, and his Juris Doctor from the George Washington University Law School. Mr. Back is also a Certified Public Manager.